

Whereas, as the 2002-2003 school year draws to a close, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to applaud the career achievements of those individuals who are retiring from the field of education; and

Whereas, the Maysville R-I School District is losing a valuable member of its faculty on May 22, 2003, with the retirement of Loa Parkhurst who has devoted many years of her life to the education of this state's young citizens through tireless endeavors as a teacher; and

Whereas, Loa Parkhurst has taught for twenty-two years at Maysville R-I, where she is held in high esteem as an educator who demonstrates considerable competence and remarkable degrees of compassion and understanding; and

Whereas, prior to assuming her current responsibilities as a kindergarten teacher, Loa Parkhurst taught fourth grade at Maysville R-I, kindergarten through third grade at Fairport, and first grade in the Winston R-VI School District; and

Whereas, Loa Parkhurst earned a Bachelor's degree in elementary education at Northeast Missouri State University in Kirksville in 1973; and

Whereas, active in her community, Loa Parkhurst has enjoyed recognition as President of Young Farm Wives, Director of Vacation Bible School, and as a Sunday school teacher; and

Whereas, Loa Parkhurst has been blessed with the love and support of a wonderful family whose members include her husband, Kyle W. Parkhurst; and one daughter, Sarah S. Parkhurst:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join the Maysville R-I School District in expressing appreciation for the unparalleled service that Loa Parkhurst has rendered to Missouri's children and in wishing her the long, fruitful, and enjoyable retirement that she so justly deserves; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Loa Parkhurst, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____
Representative James O. Guest
District No. 5

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2272, adopted April 29, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker